

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-605. Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics.

R277-605-1. Authority and Purpose.

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
 - (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;
 - (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and
 - (c) Subsection 53E-3-501(1)(b), which directs the Board to adopt rules regarding access to programs.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to specify standards for coaches and standards for extracurricular clinics and workshops.

R277-605-2. Definitions.

- (1) "Approved provider" means:
 - (a) the American Heart Association;
 - (b) the American Red Cross;
 - (c) the American Safety and Health Institute;
 - (d) the National Safety Council; or
 - (e) another provider approved by the Superintendent.
- (2) "Coach" means an individual who independently supervises students participating in an extracurricular activity on behalf of an LEA.

R277-605-3. Extracurricular Programs and the Core Curriculum.

- (1) High school competitive extracurricular programs shall be supplementary to the high school curriculum.
- (2) An LEA shall comply with the moratoriums established in Section 53G-7-1102 in its extracurricular programs and competitions.

R277-605-4. Coaches and School Activity Leaders as Supervisors and Role Models.

(1) Coaches and other designated school leaders shall diligently supervise students at all times while on school-sponsored activities, including supervising students:

- (a) on the field, court, or other competition or performance sites;
- (b) in locker rooms, in seating areas, in eating establishments, and in lodging facilities; and
- (c) while traveling.

(2) Coaches and designated school leaders are responsible for a student as long as a student remains on school grounds following a school-sponsored activity, subject to LEA policy, consistent with this rule.

(3) A coach or other designated school leader shall be an exemplary role model and may not participate in promiscuous sexual relationships while on school-sponsored activities.

(4) Coaches, assistants and advisors shall act consistent with Section 53G-8-209 and may not, while engaged in school-related activities:

- (a) use foul, abusive, or profane language;
- (b) use, possess, or distribute:
 - (i) a controlled substance;
 - (ii) a tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product as those terms are defined in Section 76-9-1101; or
 - (iii) an alcoholic beverage; or
- (c) engage in or permit hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not, including language or behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah law.

R277-605-5. Athletic and Activity Clinics.

(1) School personnel, activity leaders, coaches, advisors, and other personnel may not require students to attend out-of-school camps, clinics, activities, or workshops

for which the personnel, activity leaders, coaches, or advisors receive remuneration from a source other than the school or district in which they are employed.

(2) Required or voluntary participation in summer or other off-season clinics, workshops, and leagues may not be used as eligibility criteria for team membership, participation in extracurricular activities, or for the opportunity to try out for school-sponsored programs.

R277-605-6. Training Requirements.

(1) An athletic coach shall maintain high-quality hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid certification through an approved provider.

(2) An athletic coach shall annually receive training in responding to concussions and head injuries consistent with Subsection R277-614-4(3)(d).

(3) A coach shall complete child sexual abuse prevention training as described in Section 53G-9-207.

(4) A coach shall complete training on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation consistent with Subsection R277-613-4(5).

(5) Each LEA shall maintain verification of its coaches' compliance with this section.

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